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SUBJ: RESURGENCE PARTY SURGING AHEAD, BUT WILL THIRD WING  
FLY?

SUMMARY. A LIVELY WEEK OF POLITICAL ACTIVITY WAS LEFT OFF  
JUNE 18 WITH ELECTION OF SENATOR MOQTADER-MOZDEHI AS COORDINATOR  
OF PROGRESSIVE WING OF RESURGENCE PARTY. ONE DAY LATER DEPUTY  
PEZESHKPOUR ANNOUNCED THAT PN-IRANIST PARTY WOULD BE REVIVED.  
FOLLOWING DAYS OF SPECULATION, HUSHANG NAHAVANDI'S GROUP FOR  
THE CONSIDERATION OF IRANIAN PROBLEMS WILL APPARENTLY FORM A  
THIRD WING WITHIN THE RESURGENCE PARTY. END SUMMARY.

1. PROGRESSIVE WING OF THE RESURGENCE PARTY HAS ELECTED  
SENATOR NASSROLLAH MOQTADER-MOZDEHI AS COORDINATOR, ENDING  
TWO WEEKS OF SPECULATION AS TO WHO WILL REPLACE MAJIDI. OTHER  
CONTENDERS FOR POSITION, AHMAD QOREISHI, GHOLAM REZA AFKHAMI  
AND EHSAN NARAQI WITHDREW THEIR NAMES FROM CONSIDERATION  
PLEADING INSUFFICIENT TIME FOR THE JOB. BY ELECTING  
MOQTADER-MOZDEHI AS COORDINATOR, THE PROGRESSIVES  
INDIRECTLY REJECTED A PROPOSAL BY HUSHANG NAHAVANDI TO  
HAVE A PARTY COORDINATING COMMITTEE RATHER THAN INDIVIDUAL  
WING COORDINATORS. SELECTION OF A COORDINATOR FOR  
CONSTRUCTIVE WING OF THE PARTY, EXPECTED EARLIER THIS  
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WEEK, HAS BEEN UNEXPLICABLY DELAYED.

2. DEPUTY MOHSEN PEZESHKPOUR, A FREQUENT GOVERNMENT CRITIC,  
DECLARED JUNE 19 THAT HE IS REVIVING HIS NATIONALISTIC PAN-  
IRANIST PARTY (FORMED THIRTY YEARS AGO) WHICH WAS DISSOLVED  
FOUR YEARS AGO WHEN THE RESURGENCE PARTY WAS ESTABLISHED.  
THREE OTHER DEPUTIES, MANOUCHEHR YAZDI, HOSSEIN TABIB AND

PARVIZ ZAFARI, FORMER MEMBERS OF THE PAN-IRANIST, HAVE LEFT THE RESURGENCE PARTY AND JOINED PEZESHKPOUR. EARLIER PEZESHKPOUR, IN A STATEMENT TO THE MAJLES, DECLARED THAT THE RESURGENCE PARTY HAD FAILED TO GAIN POPULAR SUPPORT AND HAD NOT FULFILLED ITS MISSION. BASING HIS REMARKS ON A DEFENSE OF THE "HOLY TRINITY" OF MONARCHY, CONSTITUTION AND THE SHAH-PEOPLE REVOLUTION, PEZESHKPOUR SAID PARTY LEADERS HAD CREATED A GULF BETWEEN THE PARTY AND THE PUBLIC. IN A JUNE 20 ADDRESS TO PAN-IRANIST FAITHFUL HE DECLARED PAN-IRANIST PHILOSOPHY IS NEITHER FOR NOR AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT AS SUCH, SINCE WHAT WE ARE CONCERNED WITH IS THE INTERESTS OF THE NATION AND SO OUR POSITION VIS-A-VIS THE GOVERNMENT, DEPENDS ON ITS SUCCESS OR FAILURE TO REALIZE NATIONAL INTERESTS". PEZESHKPOUR HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE PARTY'S FORMER NEWSPAPER WILL BEGIN PUBLISHING AGAIN AND THAT HE HAS DISPATCHED A REPRESENTATIVE TO WESTERN EUROPE

"TO HOLD TALKS WITH PARTY SYMPATHIZERS IN GERMANY, FRANCE AND BRITAIN.

3. FOLLOWING DAYS OF SPECULATION, RESURGENCE PARTY SECRETARY GENERAL AMOUZEGAR ANNOUNCED JUNE 21 THAT THE PARTY'S POLITICAL BUREAU HAS AGREED TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A THIRD WING OF THE PARTY. AMOUZEGAR SAID THIS ACTION WAS TAKEN FOLLOWING CONSIDERATION OF A LETTER FROM HUSHANG NAHAVANDI, PRESIDENT OF THE GROUP FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF CONFIDENTIAL

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IRANIAN PROBLEMS UNDER THE SHAH-PEOPLE REVOLUTION, IN WHICH NAHAVANDI PROPOSED THAT HIS GROUP BE ALLOWED TO FORM A NEW WING WITHIN THE PARTY. A COMMITTEE IS TO BE APPOINTED TO REVISE THE PARTY CHARTER TO PROVIDE FOR THE NEW BODY. AMOUZEGAR'S ANNOUNCEMENT CAME AS SOMEWHAT OF A SURPRISE SINCE WE HAD HEARD THAT NAHAVANDI'S GROUP WAS RESISTING INCORPORATION INTO THE RESURGENCE PARTY AND HAD ANNOUNCED THEY ONLY WANTED TO ACT AS "AN INDEPENDENT NUCLEUS" WITHIN THE PARTY AND WOULD SOON REVEAL THEIR OWN PLANS FOR REORGANIZATION AND REORIENTATION OF THE PARTY. IT IS NOT CLEAR IF NAHAVANDI ACTUALLY REQUESTED THIRD WING STATUS FOR HIS GROUP AND, IF HE DID, IF MEMBERS OF HIS GROUP WERE IN AGREEMENT. THUS THE ISSUE REMAINS SOMEWHAT IN DOUBT.

4. IN A RELATED DEVELOPMENT SEVERAL DEPUTIES HAVE WRITTEN TO THE MAJLES SPEAKER REQUESTING THAT THE PROPOSED SUMMER RECESS BE POSTPONED IN VIEW OF THE MAJOR POLITICAL EVENTS TAKING PLACE. THE SPEAKER HAS AGREED THAT ANY DECISION ON A RECESS DATE WILL BE VOTED ON BY THE WHOLE LOWER HOUSE. THE SENATE HAS ALREADY ADJOURNED.

5. COMMENT: SPATE OF UNPRECEDENTED INTERNAL POLITICAL

ACTIVITY HAS LEFT CONSIDERABLE CONFUSION IN ITS WAKE. SOME IRANIAN POLITICAL OBSERVERS HAVE COMMENTED TO CHARGE AND OTHERS THAT REVIVAL OF THE PAN-IRANIST PARTY HAS BEEN UNDERTAKEN WITH BLESSING OF THE SHAH; OTHERS OPINE THAT IT IS A CHALLENGE TO ESTABLISHED AUTHORITIES. WHAT SEEMS CLEAR IS THAT PEZESHKPOUR IS DEFINITELY PLANNING TO PUSH FOR A SEPARATE POLITICAL ORGANIZATION (WITHIN PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION) WHICH UP TO NOW APPEARS NOT TO BE RECEIVING ANY EFFECTIVE OPPOSITION FROM THE AUTHORITIES. ESTABLISHMENT OF A THIRD WING OF THE RESURGENCE PARTY ENABLES AMOUZEGAR TO RESPOND TO RECENT CRITICISM OF THE PARTY EXPRESSED BY NUMEROUS IRANIANS, INCLUDING THE SHAH. BY PLACING THE GOUP FOR CONSIDERATION OF IRANIAN PROBLEMS UNDER HIS JURISDICTION, AMOUZEGAR HAS EFFECTIVELY NIPPED  
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NAHAVANDI'S BUDDING ASPIRATIONS TO LEADERSHIP OF A MORE INDEPENDENT POLITICAL ORGANIZATION AND BROUGHT GROUP'S EXPERTISE INTO RESURGENCE PARTY. WE SHALL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW AND REPORT THESE MANEUVERINGS.  
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